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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I think the settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case should be approved and implemented as soon as possible. That would be the best thing available now for America's computer technology industry, America's economy, and the American public.

Personally, I think America should not penalize successful companies like Microsoft for doing a good business, with good products, with tremendously beneficial innovations, with good, honest accounting and accountability.

The settlement will require Microsoft to give up its legal rights to its software and business practice in return for not being subjected to further costly, disconcerting litigation and the possibility of being split up, as AT&T was. For two examples, Microsoft will give away to its industry the software codes for the internal interfaces to its Windows operating system programs, and it will end its legitimate practice of requiring computer manufacturers that want to put its Windows operating system on the computer they build to put it on all or none, and as an integrated package of program or not at all. These changes, and others, will help the other companies in the computer industry.

I appreciate your leadership in settling this case, and ending the litigation against Microsoft. Let's get America back to work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clara J. Jones

